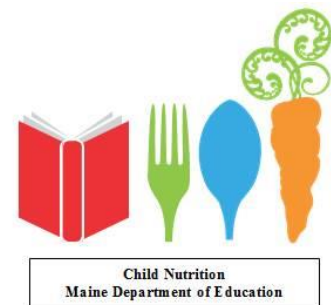


Walter's Updates

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Child Nutrition
02/09/2022

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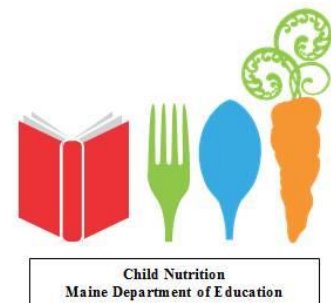
- Supply Chain Assistance (SCA) funds
- School Year 2023
- General Questions



Supply Chain Assistance

Current Status

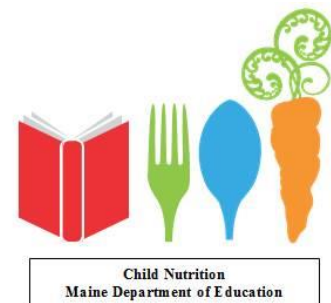
- All districts/sponsors have responded.
- Child Nutrition is adjusting the final numbers.
- Then will be sent to payment.
- District= claim reimbursement = payment



Supply Chain Assistance (SCA)

3 Pots of Money

- First pot of money is the SCA funds going directly to schools. The SA held nothing.
- Second pot of money increase next years entitlement SY23 by 1 million dollars approx.
- Third pot of money not available to Child Nutrition



SCA and Purchases

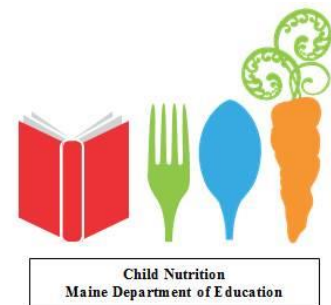
- Once district receives funds, they can be used.
- Must follow proper purchasing requirements 2 CFR 200s
- Food must be domestic, with no exceptions.
- Unprocessed or Minimally processed foods, using USDA definition. (Milk, cheese, ground meat, canned)
- Food must be for breakfast, lunch, after school programs under NSLP.
- The money can be used for allowable products that purchased from your vendor.
- It can be used for milk.



Supply Chain Assistance

How Do I Report Funds

- Funds coded to 4561 (chart of accounts)
- Purchases against this account will be coded as such.
- Maintain documentation.



What Can I Purchase

- Food unprocessed or minimally processed.
- Examples of some allowable food products include:
 - fluid milk and other dairy foods such as cheese and yogurt
 - fruits and vegetables (including 100% juices)
 - grain products such as pastas and rice
 - meats (whole, pieces, or food items such as ground meats)
 - meat alternates such as beans or legumes.
- Foods in a wide variety of minimal processing states
 - whole, cut, pureed, etc.
 - fresh, frozen, canned, dried



SCA

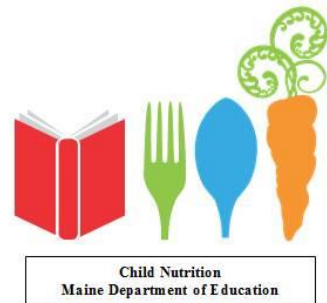
The Money!

- This is cash, not an adjustment to your USDA entitlement.
- This is by district.
- Money must be spent by 9/30/2023.
- Funding based on SY22 enrollment information (October Survey) entered by the District.
- Funds must be deposited into the intended program NSLP. Monies can be comingled.
- Documentation must be kept.



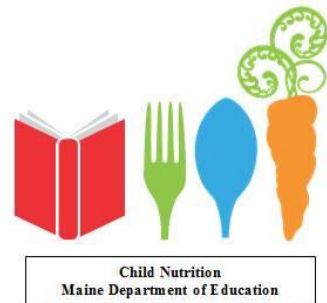
How much Money?

- How much money is on updated spreadsheet posted on our web pages.
- If district should find they will not be able to use all the funds, please let us know sooner then later.



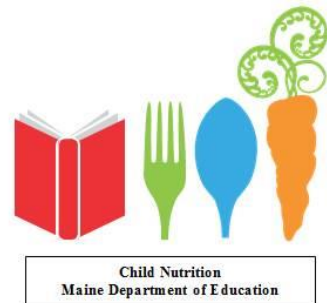
USDA Food

- USDA will be increasing Maine entitlement amount as well.
- \$1,013,747



School Year 2023

- Meals to all public enrolled students at no cost
- Applications still required
- Rates for the NSLP SY 23 unknown (June)
- No known waivers for NSLP, SFSP or CACFP



SY 23 Options

- **Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)** (if eligible)
 - 4 year provision
- **Special Provision 2 (SP2)**
 - Special Provision 2 is a 4-year provision
- **Traditional Method**
 - Yearly
- Private schools can elect these methods as well, but State funds are not available to help offset the costs for no cost meals.



CEP

- To be eligible, at least 40% of enrolled students must be directly certified (2 decimal places)
- Meal Benefit Applications are not and may not be collected for any student and any reason for the duration of the CEP cycle
- District must determine their eligibility to participate in CEP using April 1st direct certification data
- Submit an “Agreement for the Community Eligibility Provision of the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program” in CNPWeb and get State Agency approval
- State Agency will validate numbers based on documentation provided
- CEP can be a school, group of schools or district determined by district
- School completes meal accountability at the point of service
- Monthly claim for reimbursement form completed by entering total student meals served, and the system calculates Free, and Paid.



Special Provision 2

- There are no minimum requirements to participate.
- District must notify the state in writing before 6/30/2022 of their intent to participate
- District will need to submit an “Agreement for the Special Provision II of the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program” in CNPWeb and get State Agency approval.
- Application errors findings during an Administrative Review must be calculated back to base year.
- Fiscal Action for application errors will be the district’s responsibility.



Special Provision 2

Year One of four (base year):

- Households complete the Meal Benefit Application and submit to School Food Service Department
- School Food service Department official determines eligibility and notifies the family within 10 calendar days
- School completes meal accountability by student name and category at the point of service
- District completes annual Meal Benefit Applications verification process during year one of the four year cycle
- Monthly claim for reimbursement form completed by entering student meal counts by eligibility category year one



Special Provision 2

Years 2,3 and 4:

- Meal Benefit Applications are not and may not be collected for any student for any reason
- Households do not need to be notified of eligibility
- School completes meal accountability by recording a simple count of total number meals served at the point of service
- District does not complete the Meal Benefit Applications verification process, check off a box.
- Monthly claim for reimbursement is completed in CNPWeb by entering total student meals served. CNPWeb will calculate Free, Reduced, and Paid, by school, using the base year claiming percentage by meal type.



Traditional

- Parents complete the Meal Benefit Applications annually or if income decreases during SY and submit to school.
- School Food Service Department official determines the eligibility and notifies the family within 10 calendar days.
- School completes the meal accountability by student name and category daily at the point of service.
- District completes annual Meal Benefit Applications verification process.
- Complete the monthly claim for reimbursement form by entering student meal counts by category.
- This method is the same that was used “pre-COVID”
- Fiscal Action for application errors found during an Administrative Review will be the district’s responsibility



All Methods

- Release Public Service Announcement (PSA) indicating the district/school's approved method
- A strong effort to market will be needed for the first SP 2 and Traditional application collection. Possible joint effort of other hunger advocates.
- A district can select a mix of three methods by building
- Same procedure used for both breakfast and lunch



		CEP	SP II	TRADITIONAL
students eating lunch	217			
free		93	64	64
reduced		0	29	29
paid		141	141	141
		346	238	238
		0	108	108
		525	525	525
		\$872	\$872	\$872



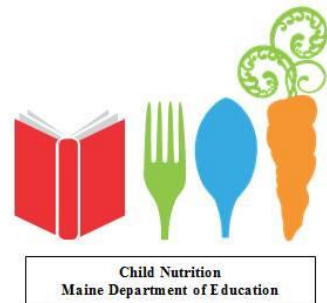
On to the Shelf

- USDA annual order
- USDA finalizing 11/25/2020, proposed rulemaking regarding child nutrition meal pattern requirements.
 - Meal pattern flex
 - Milk (SMP, CACFP)
 - Sodium
 - Grains
- Legislative bills all in the process
 - LD 174 hunger committee suggestions OTP
 - LD 1429 climate control Amended
 - LD1679 student hunger
 - LD 1693 obesity in schools today PH
 - LD 1880 textbooks tabled



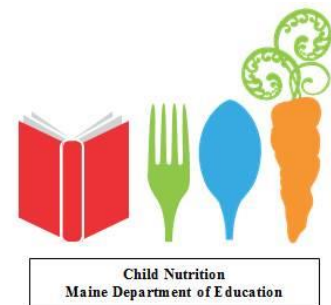
Reminders

- Breakfast grants, Alternative breakfast
- At risk school sites
- On-Line “Meal Benefit Application”



Walter's Thought's

- Thinking.....



The Crystal Bowl



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